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FOUR FOR ADAM

Father running four charity marathons in memory of son

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AN Epsom man who lost his son to neuroblastoma four years ago is now running in four marathons in as many months to raise funds for a children's cancer charity.

Adam Bird was diagnosed with the "hideous disease" neuroblastoma in July 2009 before dying just short of four years later aged nine.

His father Nick Bird, now a trustee for the charity Solving Kids' Cancer, is now dedicating time to run four marathons in four months with the last one being in New York this November.

He is aiming to raise £4,444.

Nick told Sutton Guardian: "My running friends thought it was a good idea.

"I'm a decent runner but I'm not by any stretch a great runner so they thought the challenge was difficult but achievable. Some people say I'm a bit nuts but everyone has been supportive and are excited."

Nick has set a target of finishing each marathon in under four hours.

On August 6 he completed the first marathon in Gloucester in three hours and 49 minutes.

He said: "When you do something in memory of your child that died then you become very invested in it. It's not simply to raise money for charity. It takes a much greater significance.

"In a sense running helps me to stay sane. I started running a couple of years before Adam was diagnosed. When Adam was ill I used to run and it helped me to organise my thoughts. I would think about what's going on with his treatment and stuff. And now since he's died, it's an escape.

"I go out and run, I'm on my own with my own thoughts and release."

Nick described Solving Kids' Cancer as a charity "close to my heart. We are working as hard as possible so we can try and improve things for those already diagnosed and for those who will be diagnosed in future. What the charity tries to bring is more options to the UK. There will always be a need for some children to travel abroad. We are trying to provide the most promising and beneficial therapies. A child dies of this disease every ten days. I know too many children who have died of this illness, many of them around the same time as Adam."

Nick believes it is important for him to endure the challenges of doing back to back marathons.

He elaborated: "Running for four hours is a long time. I got a stitch for the last four miles in Gloucester which was horrible. But the fact I'm running for Adam and in memory of everything he went through when he was ill pulls me through."

The 46-year-old runner is now training and recovering in preparation for his next marathon in Richmond on September 17 before the third one in York on October 8.

On November 5 Nick hopes to run the New York Marathon which he said is fittingly four days before what would have been Adam's 14th birthday.

He added: "My goal is to try to raise £4,444 for this charity which supported our family through the difficult times and is there for other families like my own."

You can support his campaign at justgiving.com/fundraising/4in4months?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=updates&utm_content=4in4months&utm_campaign=updates-facebook.

Nick Bird, 46, took part in the Gloucester Marathon on August 6

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Children who are in Epsom on Sunday 13 August between 10.30am and 4.30pm can join Ashley Bear for a virtual Beach Party in The Ashley Centre Epsom!

This month young visitors will be designing a seaside souvenir with sand. Using a range of sensory elements such as sight, touch and smell they will create brilliant sand art in the seaside surroundings replicated in Epsom's popular shopping centre.

Ashley Bear's Kids Club is held every second Sunday in the month providing free activities and workshops. These are not supervised play-schemes and parents/guardians are requested to stay with their children and join in the fun. To join The Ashley Centre Kids Club just email info@theashleycentre.co.uk with the name, gender and age of your child. Members of the Kids Club receive freebies, vouchers, offers and their very own club magazine.

For more information about The Ashley Centre and all the latest events, please "like us" on Facebook (facebook.com/theashleycentre), follow us on twitter (@ashley_centre) or visit our website (theashleycentre.co.uk)

Stunning scenes of blue seas and brightly-coloured tropical fish now adorn the walls of an isolation room in the Paediatric Unit at Epsom Hospital, thanks to a recent refurbishment project by children's charity Momentum.

The refurbished room on Casey Ward now features beautiful underwater sealife images, transforming a previously plain and clinical-looking room into a colourful and upilfting space.

In addition to refurbishing areas of the Paediatric Department at Epsom Hospital, Momentum Children's Charity provides emotional and practical support to many families in the Epsom area as part of its Family Support Programme, providing therapies such as drama and music therapy, counselling, trips and treats and respite breaks at its two holiday homes in the New Forest and on its canal boat.

Momentum children's charity supports children with cancer and life-limiting conditions across SW London and Surrey. It receives no government funding so relies entirely on the support of the public and funds raised through its charity work. To find out more about the charity visit www.moment-um.org

SOLO EXHIBITION TO VIEW

"Joie de Vivre" the French phrase is a theme to celebrate life itself and it is also the title of contemporary artist Tom Bushnell's solo exhibition at Elizabeth James Gallery; which follows on from previous group exhibition: The Croydon Summer of Love also featuring Tom Bushnell's work.

Joie de Vivre explores positive, passion, life dreams and aspirations through a series of large uplifting playful abstract pieces of work, created with the same sense of freedom and love of life as the show's title suggests.

Tom's bold use of colour and texture in his works really make his work stand out in that they seem to possess 3D qualities via the generous use of paint and energetic effects that bring the works to life. Private View September 1 7-9pm (registration essential), open to the public 2-14 September, 11am-6pm Monday - Saturday. See elizabethjamesart.com/Artist Profiles/exhibition info

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Children and families can take part in free drawing and storytelling workshops at Ewell Court Library on Friday 11th August at 11am and Epsom Library on Tuesday 15th August at 2.30pm.

Author-illustrator Zehra Hicks will be reading and signing copies of her new picture book, 'Giraffe and Frog', released this August and encouraging children to create their own stories using puppet-making and comic strips.

. The workshop using puppetry and comic strips enables children aged 2-10 to develop their own take on the story and have fun during the summer holidays at the same time.

Zehra is supporting The Summer Reading Challenge to encourage children to read over the summer holidays. Her events last 45-60 mins and will be visiting different locations across the South of England.

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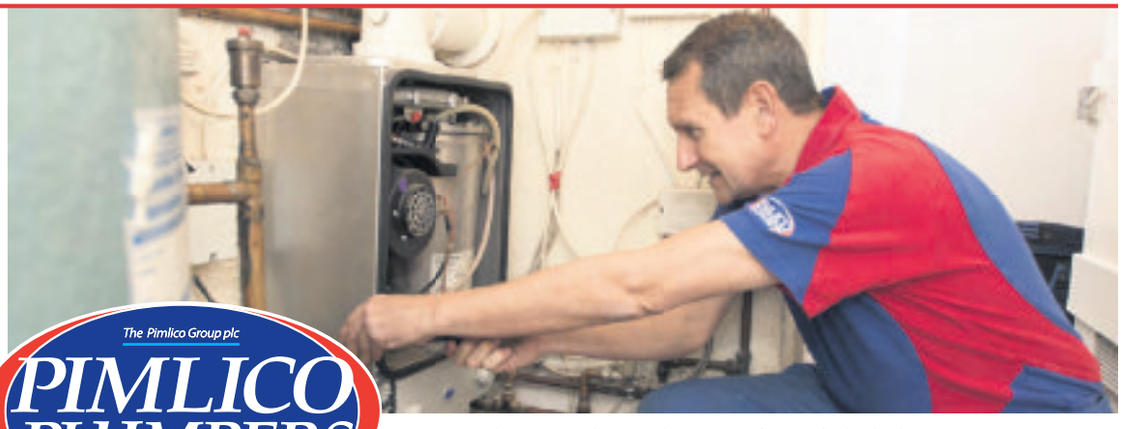

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Bagful of help for wildlife charity

A Surrey charity is celebrating after three of its community-based projects were given a helping hand by a supermarket.

Tesco has donated £8,000 from its Bags of Help initiative to Surrey Wildlife Trust after shoppers voted in store to help the charity's work.

The money will help enable school children to get closer to nature, provide better outdoor learning facilities and help volunteers protect vital habitats on Chobham Common.

Surrey Wildlife Trust's director of education, people and wildlife Aimee Clarke said: "We are absolutely delighted with these generous donations from Tesco and so grateful to all the customers who voted for us.

"This money will make a real difference to both wildlife and the community."

The Bags of Help scheme raises money from the five pence plastic bag charge with shoppers choosing their favourite local cause using tokens given out at check-outs.

Consultation opens on application to create activity trail through woods

Segway woodland tour path planned at adventure park

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GEORGE W Bush famously fell off one, and soon you may be able to too at Chessington World of Adventures.

Plans have been submitted to Kingston Council for a new 1,400-metre Segway tour through woodland in the resort's Sixty Acre Wood, which also includes a Go Ape park.

The council is currently accepting feedback and comments on the application as part of a consultation process.

The developer claimed the Segway tour would "encourage more outdoor recreation and appreciation of the woodland by visitors".

Chessington's associate director Ian York wrote that Sixty Acre Wood was an "ideal location" for the tour.

The application is the latest in a series of proposals to add to the resort as part of a long-term plan for the next five to 10 years.

Chessington World of Adventures

Kingston Council has already approved plans for a Go Ape treetop adventure course for Sixty Acre Wood and "glamping" tents – posh camping – at Chessington, and blueprints for 45 new lodges at the Safari hotel have also been submitted.

The resort's masterplan also refers to plans for a soft play area, indoor trampolines and a 3D cinema at the Safari Hotel, new rides and animal attractions, and a new family rollercoaster, but does not yet mention further details.

The Surrey Comet asked Chessington for more information, but a spokeswoman remained tight-lipped, and said it would "be a surprise".

The closing date for comments is Friday, August 25.

For more information, or to view the applicationt, search Kingston Council's planning portal for 17/10289

A MAN in his 30s has died following a car crash in Ewell on Friday, August 11. It happened at about 8.30pm and involved one vehicle, a dark grey Ford Focus, which crashed in Kingston Road at the junction with Ruxley Lane. The air ambulance attended, and road closures were put in place while emergency services dealt with the incident. The man was taken to St George's Hospital in Tooting, but died from his injuries on Sunday, August 13. Surrey Police is appealing for information from anyone who saw the crash or the events leading up to it. Anyone with information is asked to call 01483 639922 or 101, quoting reference P17203602.

THE COUNTY council has launched a consultation on parking in Epsom and Ewell. Surrey County Council is inviting comments on parking provision in 66 areas around the borough. The feedback will be reported to the council's parking team manager, Epsom and Ewell Local Committee and the borough's county councillors. The survey was opened on Thursday, August 10, and runs until Thursday, September 14. For more information, and to take part in the consultation, visit www.surreysays.co.uk/e-i-highways-and-transport-parking-project-team/parking-proposals-epsom-and-ewell-2017-parking-rev/. What do you think about parking in Epsom and Ewell? Comment online at www.epsomguardian.co.uk or get in touch by email at newsdesk@epsomguardian.co.uk

Student selected for British tap dance team

An 18-year-old woman from Sutton has been selected for the Tap Attack England Team 2017 to represent Team GB at the upcoming IDO World Tap Dance Championships in Germany.

Holly Gibson-Barnard, student at the Wilkes Academy of Performing Arts in Swindon, has wanted to be a professional dancer since she can remember. Last year she joined performance company Tap Attack

The tap dancer also attended Laine Theatre Arts in Epsom for ten years as a semi-student.

"There's never been anything else," she told Sutton Guardian. "This has always been the pathway. Unfortunately for my mum it's really expensive.

"I've never found an interest in other things. The feeling I get on stage makes me want to do loads of different shows. Making the audience happy and involved is really personal. It's that excitement of 'Oh My God my mum will see me or this person will see me'. It's hard to explain."

The passionate well-spoken young dancer needs to raise £2,500 to fund the Germany trip held in November and December.

Holly Gibson-Barnard, 18

She has established a Just Giving page in order to raise funds. The link can be found at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/holly-gibson-barnard?utm_id=1&utm_term=Zngzdmrzw

If she manages to acquire the money, Holly said it would "mean everything" to her.

She elaborated: "I know people say that a lot, you hear it on X Factor and stuff. But if you come from a background of never getting much, it means so much to go out there and represent your country. If I come home with a medal it would mean I have done something for myself."

Earlier this year Holly, along with her boyfriend, auditioned to be a part of Team GB in the championships.

"It was actually really really scary. The audition had loads of different routines you had to learn with each style being completely different.

"In one of them they made us take our tap shoes off and made us improvise. It was completely different to a tap audition. I was thinking what the hell is going on," she laughed.

Despite the unexpected improvisation, Holly felt the auditions went well.

In July, she and her boyfriend were together when they heard the good news.

"It was really exciting. It was immense, amazing. It was a really nice feeling. It would have been really awkward if one of us didn't get picked. It's nice that we will be able to go together."

Holly added: "My mum was ecstatic. I facetimed her because I was in Swindon. She started crying and it was quite emotional. Everyone has been really supportive. They can't really believe it but at the same time they can, it's one of those feelings."

The North Cheam native has two years left in college and she stressed that any support to help her represent Team GB in Germany would be greatly appreciated.

Tap Attack has claimed 18 world title at the IDO World Tap Championships and they were semi-finalists in series two of Sky1's Got to Dance.

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Woman describes her father's role in making peace during the worst rioting in British ruled India

Remembering Ghandi's peace broker

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A Tadworth woman's father was personally picked by Ghandi to be on a committee to broker peace between Muslims and Hindus after widespread rioting.

Arthur Wise was the speaker for the European group's House of Representatives that helped bring peace in Kolkata after Direct Action Day on August 16, 1946, when more than 4,000 people were killed.

Understood to have marked the beginning of "The Week of the Long Knives", it is said to be the worst communal rioting that British India had ever seen.

One of his three daughters, Pamela Tolwill, said: "The killings were terrible between Muslims and Hindus."

"There had always been strife, but not in the general public, and there were people who came in and caused trouble.

"No one seemed to be able to intervene and so there was nothing that the British, the police or anybody could do."

Ghandi "felt constrained" to visit Kolkata, where the worst killings and atrocities were happening, to try to broker peace between the two groups.

When he discovered Mr Wise was a Christian and a businessman, he chose him to help form a peace committee comprising of 10 Muslims and 10 Hindus who were important people in the city.

Mrs Tolwill, who now lives in Motts Hill Lane in Tolworth, added: "It was so successful that when all the uprising was happening, Kolkata was the only city where there was peace during this time."

But violence continued even after the peace rallies, forcing further action.

Ninety-year-old Mrs Tolwill said: "Ghandi was so upset about this that he went into fasting, and this time he said it would be a fast to his death if they didn't stop.

"He fasted for two days and was growing weak, my father pleaded with him not to do it and he said, 'I have to do this otherwise the killing will not stop amongst these people'.

"There was so much upset amongst the people who agreed to hold the peace that they came to Ghandi's house and they threw in all their weapons in his courtyard.

"Because Ghandi was so dearly loved across India, nobody wanted to be responsible for his death."

Arthur was born in Kolkata on March 24, 1896, and became a director at Andrew Yule and Company, living there for 40 years before spending his remaining years in Banstead.

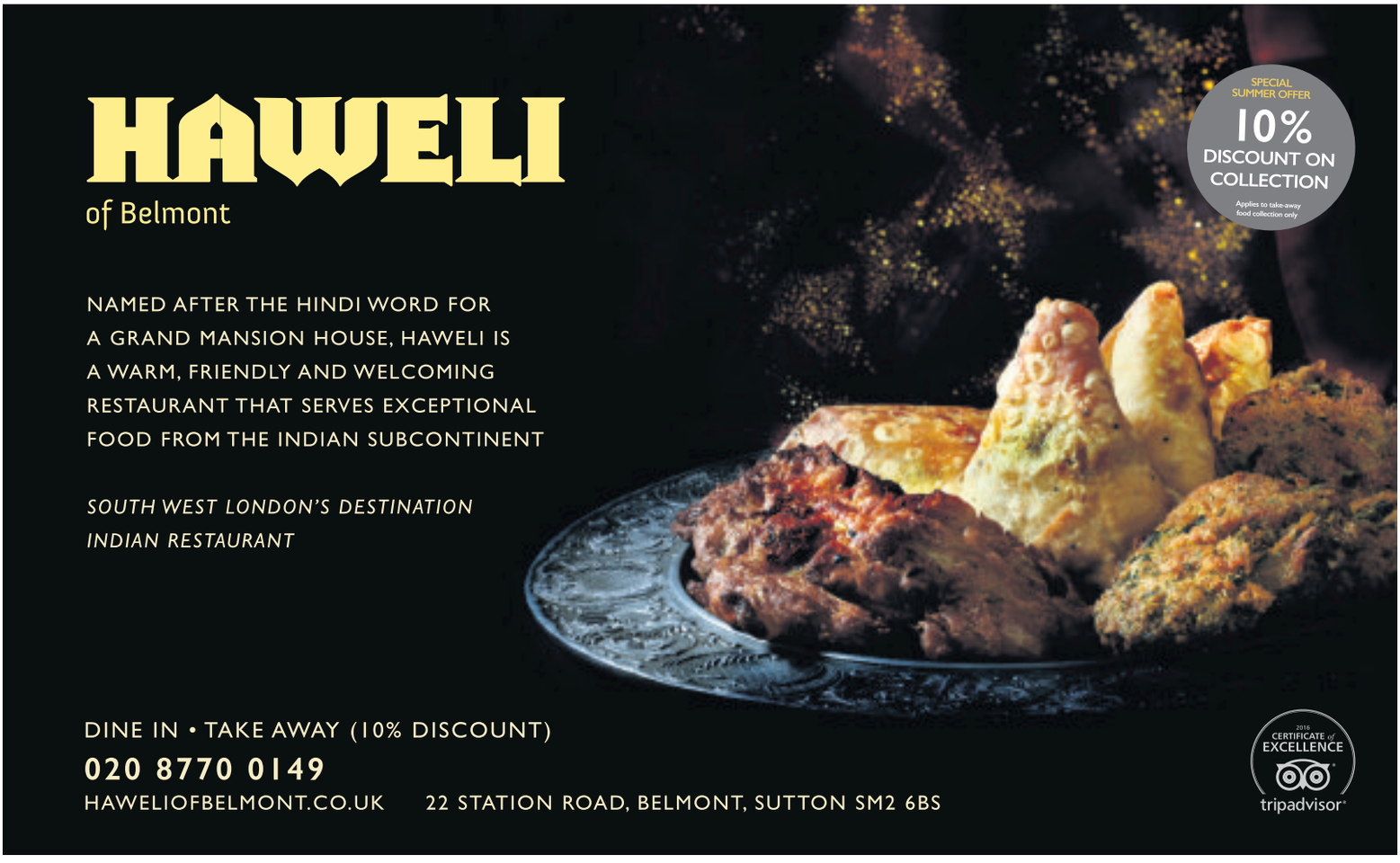
He helped provide fresh water which reduced the amount of diseases, helped to clear rubbish in the streets, provide regular collections of waste and helped build hospitals to treat the sick and wounded.

Pamela helped take care of him until he died at the age of 96 in May 1992.

She will appear on a Newsnight special, featuring on BBC Two, titled Partition: 70 Years On which commemorates the 70th anniversary of the partition of India.

Another programme, My Family, Partition and Me: India 1947, also documented time in her life in a two-part series broadcast on BBC One earlier this week. You can still see the programmes through the BBC iPlayer service.

Arthur Wise was personally picked by Gandhi



Fined for using phones while driving

A driver was caught travelling at 60 miles per hour with a phone in each hand.

Surrey Police's roads policing unit shared an image of the offending driver on social media this week.

The force created a UK licence record for the driver, who is not a UK resident, so it could add six penalty points.

Officers laughed off suggestions that the driver could get penalty points and a fine for each phone.

The driver was also fined £200 after being caught on Wednesday, August 8.

Surrey Police's RPU tweeted: "Whatever this driver had going on must have been super important."

Officers are using a fleet of unmarked cars, motorbikes "and a big lorry" as part of Operation Tramline, a crackdown on distracted driving in Surrey and Sussex.

The forces had carried out a similar operation in the two counties in January in which 572 vehicles were stopped in two weeks, and more than 597 offences were detected.

"Since we ran the operation back in January we have seen a marked reduction in the number of offences that we are finding," an officer said.

"However, that is still far too many."

He added that the main offences officers found were drivers on their phones or playing with them in a cradle.

The driver who was filmed Picture: RPU - Surrey Police @Surrey RoadCops

"Please remember it can always wait," the officer added. "Do whatever you need to do when you get to your destination, or set the phone up and get it ready – if you are using Satnav, for example – prior to starting your journey.

"If you continually fiddle with your phone and we get sufficient evidence, you can be prosecuted for driving while not in proper control.

"If you are holding your phone you will be dealt with for using your phone while driving, which is six points and a £200 fine."

Happy end for abandoned puppy nursed back to life

Pup left for dead is growing up happily

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A four-day-old puppy dumped and left for dead by bins just days before a storm has been bottle-fed back to health and taken in by a loving family.

Doris, now nearly six months old, was found by communal bins in Pitwood Green, Tadworth, two days before Storm Doris battered the UK with 90mph winds that sent trees crashing to the ground and caused travel chaos in February.

She was taken in by staff at RSPCA Millbrook in Chobham and bottle-fed the young puppy, who staff believe is a German Shepherd cross, and nursed her back to health.

Now, Doris has gone on to find a happy new home with owners Jack Campfield and Jodie Jones in Godalming.

Liz Wood, deputy manager at RSPCA Millbrook, became Doris' surrogate mum for three months.

"Doris was very lucky she was found – she was very small and extremely vulnerable when she came in to us at RSPCA Millbrook," Liz said.

Doris is now nearly six months old

"She was so tiny we weren't sure if she would even survive without a mum.

"Doris was so tiny we didn't know what breed she was or even how big she would grow.

"Look at her now – she has turned into a stunning young dog and I'm so proud of her.

"I simply could not believe someone would dump such a tiny puppy, she was so small and vulnerable."

Young couple Jack and Jodie said they were smitten with the puppy the moment they laid eyes on her.

Jack said: "It really was love at first sight when we saw Doris. We just knew she was the one for us. We saw her bounding around the centre and we knew we just had to take her home.

"It is amazing she survived. She is such an intelligent dog and we completely adore her. Everyone that meets her falls for her. She even has her own Instagram account now with over 700 followers!

"She just loves life and she is so intelligent. Her favourite thing is swimming – you can't keep her out of the water. She is a real foodie too – she loves her food.

"She is such a friendly lovable girl. I'm a postman – and she loves jumping in my van with me, she is the only dog I know that doesn't bark at the postman!"

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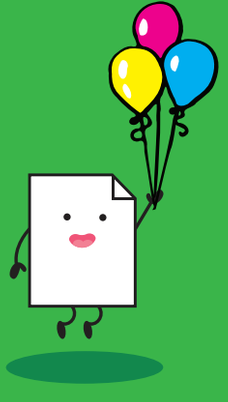

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The charity turned 70 this year

Picture: Age Concern Epsom and Ewell

Festival celebrating 70 years of elderly care a big success

Golden Days festival nets glittering result

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A charity that helps the elderly raised nearly £20,000 while it celebrated its 70th anniversary, it has been announced.

Crowds enjoyed dancing, classic car, bus and motorbike displays, and a dog show, at Age Concern Epsom and Ewell's (ACEE) Golden Days Festival last month.

Cream teas, facepainting, and arts and craft stalls, were also on offer at the festival in Nonsuch Park in Cheam on Sunday, July 2.

The charity, which provides elderly people with transport, advice and befrienders, announced it raised more than £19,500 at the celebration.

Festival-goers enjoyed the day out too, with ACEE reporting that visitors had told them:

"I have a complaint, I couldn't get my elderly aunt to leave!"

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The derailment at Waterloo caused extra chaos this week

'Angry and frustrated'

PASSENGERS will feel "angry and frustrated' by hikes in rail fares, a senior Surrey County Councillor has said.

It was announced this week that rail fares will rise by up to 3.6 per cent in January – and the news coincided with more disruption on the lines to Waterloo because of a derailment and major improvement work which led South West Trains to advise passengers not to travel on its network.

The county council's cabinet member for environment and planning, councillor Mike Goodman, said: "With the current disruption of Waterloo services, I can see why many passengers will be feeling angry and frustrated, especially as they board a carriage already almost full to bursting or wait on a platform for a delayed train.

"That's why we are continuing to push for investment in infrastructure like Crossrail 2. The work to improve Waterloo will only go so far to boost rail capacity and the planned new line will not only relieve the morning crush, improve connections and speed up journeys, it will drive economic growth in London, Surrey, the wider South East and way beyond."

Crossrail 2 – which would have stations including Epsom and Chessington South – would have additional capacity for up to 270,000 more people travelling into London at peak periods.

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But for one-year-old great grey owl object of his affections is a statue

Owl's about that – teenage love bird falls for Hedwig

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TEENAGE years can be tough, and many struggle with increasing social pressures, finding out their identity and often their first love.

One owl at Chessington Zoo is experiencing the full effects of the last of these, having fallen Hedwig over heels for another of the resort's avian residents.

Unfortunately for Zodiac, a one-year-old great grey owl who has recently reached puberty, the object of his affections is just that – an object.

Keepers regularly walk Zodiac around the park as part of his enrichment programme, and he has become enamoured with a giant owl statue on the Gruffalo ride.

He now spends every morning with his inanimate companion, and the zoo team hopes to keep him relaxed during a stressful time in his life.

As with many animals, owl personalities often change as they mature, which could be confusing for them, but when Zodiac is with the statue, he sits and watches it, becoming much calmer.

Zodiac has reached maturity and fallen in love with the Owl from The Gruffalo River Ride Adventure

Nick Tulley, senior zookeeper at Chessington World of Adventures Resort, said: "At the resort we like to keep all our resident animals as happy as possible – always thinking of ways to minimise any stress as their bodies go through natural developments.

"When we first took Zodiac into the new Gruffalo ride we were overwhelmed with how quickly he became besotted by the image of a much larger owl. We don't have the heart to tell him that his love maybe on the unrequited side, but it definitely keeps him happy."

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A sheep has had its throat ripped out in a vicious dog attack.

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The incident is believed to have happened sometime between midday on Tuesday, August 8, and 2pm on Wednesday, August 9.

A spokesperson for the company looking after the sheep – Downlands Partnership – said: "The sheep had its throat ripped out and the rest of the flock worried, which could lead to further health problems due to stress in the near future.

"The flock has been removed and will need to be monitored closely over the coming weeks."

Workers at the valley have been left appalled by the attack.

"Local residents love this beautiful area and its rare chalk grassland habitat, which the sheep once created and now help to manage for biodiversity," the spokesperson said.

"The sheep are gentle and inquisitive creatures and the Downlands Partnership local volunteer stock checkers that help the staff to look after them, have been left appalled by this incident."

Signage is posted around the valley and paddock to warn the public of the potential dangers of dogs near sheep.

The paddock also has a dog control order that prohibits dogs off the lead.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident call the Downlands Partnership Grazing team on 07968 832692.

A sheep at Happy Valley in Old Coulsdon was found with its throat ripped out

Man who claimed to be Portuguese failed spot language test

Cocaine found hidden in drug dealer's car

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A drug dealer who pretended to be Portuguese but twice failed an on-the-spot language test has been jailed.

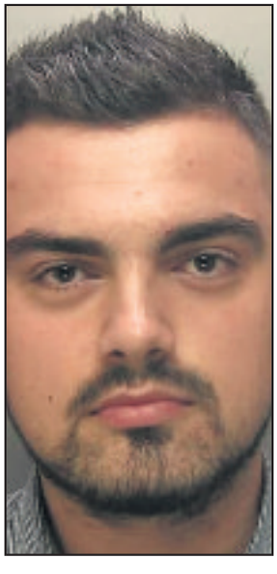
Artinis Hajdarmataj, 20, of Windmill Road, Croydon, was jailed for four years and six months on Thursday, August 10, at Guildford Crown Court.

The Albanian national had previously admitted driving without a licence, possessing a fake licence, and possessing cocaine with intent to supply.

His sentencing is the latest case to come to court as part of Surrey Police's Operation Viking – a crackdown on cross-border drug dealers across the county.

Officers first stopped Hajdarmataj at 2am on May 3 in Winkworth Road, Banstead.

He showed officers a Portuguese driver's licence and gave the name "Samuel Alves" – but when challenged, he could not understand any Portuguese.



Hajdarmataj was arrested on suspicion of using a fake driver's licence and released on bail after admitting his real nationality and name. He skipped his court appearance.

The 20-year-old was arrested again on July 12, in Croydon Lane, Banstead, by a probationary officer on duty with their tutor. This time Hajdarmataj pretended to be Joao Damiano – another Portuguese national, and again he could not understand any Portuguese.

He admitted his real identity to officers who found bags of cocaine stashed inside the panel by the steering wheel and large amounts of cash.

When officers searched his home in Windmill Road, Croydon, they found more cash hidden under his mattress and in a chest of drawers.

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Artinis Hajdarmataj

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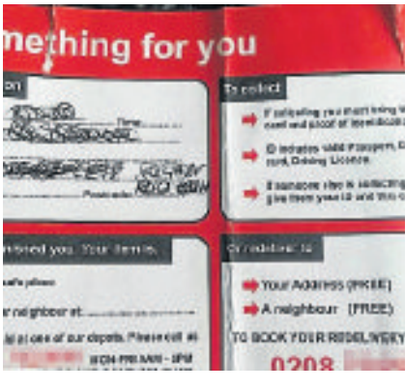

Scam warning over fake Royal Mail 'missed delivery' card con that could leave you with a hefty phone bill

Surely you will know if you're expecting a delivery... Can't imagine all the Muppets that fell for this were expecting something. The more worrying thing is how are we able to be redirected from a geographical number to a premium rate one without our knowledge? The phone companies allowing this 'feature' to exist in the phone system is bad enough, let alone not stopping it. Could it be that they earn from someone else's fraud, so they have no appetite to stop it? Heaven forbid that a company should rip us off.

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Fighting for acute services

The announcement that St Helier "Hospital to get £12m upgrade", (Sutton Guardian, July 20), is odd because the Epsom and St Helier Hospitals NHS Trust have recently released plans which suggest the closure of acute services at either Epsom or St Helier or both hospitals, possibly replaced by a new "acute facility" located at the former Sutton Hospital site in Belmont.

The trust cites three possible options for the future of Epsom and St Helier hospitals, none of which includes continuation of acute facilities at both hospitals as at present.

By "acute facilities" the trust means services like A&E, a full doctor-led maternity service, in-patient peadiatrics (childrens' services), coronary care and high dependency care.

At present, both Epsom and St Helier hospitals have these facilities, ready to serve local people when they need them.

But these plans would see such services removed from one or both of Epsom and St Helier hospitals.

According to the trust's estimates, the new facility, wherever built, would cost £400m-£500m – funded by a form of notoriously expensive private finance deal.

So taxpayers would be required not only to repay the loan but also the profit on the loan to the private lender.

And combining acute services at the former Sutton hospital site would require most people, in an emergency, to travel further. And the location has already been found wanting regards adequate transport links to support a secondary school.

Please support KOSHH's (Keep Our St Helier Hospital) campaign to keep all acute services at both Epsom and St Helier hospitals by signing the petition koshh.org/petition

And read more here: koshh.org/urgent-one-or-both-of-your-local-hospital

David Murray
Wallington

New collection charges seem like a stealth tax increase

Reducing food waste was made a government priority for action in 20111 and Merton Council supposedly "looks at ways to help residents cut their personal food waste mountain".

Additionally it 'is one of nine London boroughs set to benefit from a €50,000 pilot to help people reduce their food waste' 2. And yet, despite all this, the Council now discourages recycling by withdrawing waste food bags.

To continue (and many won't), we now have to pay for the bags, adding about £12.50/year over and above our council tax; alternatively we can deposit food unhygenically directly into the caddy or line our food caddies, equally unhygenically, with newspaper (which won't be collected).

And what will the €50,000 be used for?

Merton further discourages recycling by withdrawing the pensioners' discount for garden waste. Add another £20; £32.50 per year in total.

A stealth council tax rise?

Dr Simon Joseph
St Mary's Road

Arrests at airports before going on holiday are taking off

EDITOR'S VIEW

The number of people arrested for being drunk at airports has risen by 50 per cent.

I'm not surprised in the slightest, to be frank I suspected it might have doubled or even trebled – I bet it will in the next few years.

First of all, there's a different mentality to drinking when Brits go on holiday. Even quite reasonable individuals persuade themselves it is okay to start drinking the second they're in holiday mode – even if it is 6.30am and they're having lager with their fry up.

This, of course, isn't unique to the airport, anyone who has travelled to France on a ferry will have seen exactly the same abandonment of usual, accepted behaviour.

And, it's no good playing holier than thou, because most of us have done it at some point.

But, where things have changed in recent years is although airports might frown at the thought of a whole load of incapable drunks climbing aboard planes, they have actively gone out of their way to encourage people to drink.

I know, I know – they would never be so crass as to suggest anyone should drink to excess and will make a point of marketing the fact they suggest drinkers are sensible, but if you encourage the number of people they do to indulge you are bound to get problems.

Add in a whole host of other combustible factors and it is surprising only 387 were arrested on the basis they were suspected of being drunk.

For a start added security checks means people have far more time to kill – the airports are well aware of this and place more and more bars and restaurants between you and the departure gate.

Their only real argument they try to discourage drinking is in the exorbitant prices they charge – but, with a captive audience, even this doesn't wash.

The fact is we're all flying more, drinking more, attending more stag parties overseas and care less about how we are viewed in public so there are plenty of reasons for the dramatic increase in drunkenness.

Add to this the fact airports operate completely outside of licensing hours and never, in my experience, question whether people have had enough before serving them another drink, and you have the perfect cocktail for problems. This is the way airports now operate and they make big money from alcohol – they can moan as much as they like but they're not really encouraging responsible drinking.

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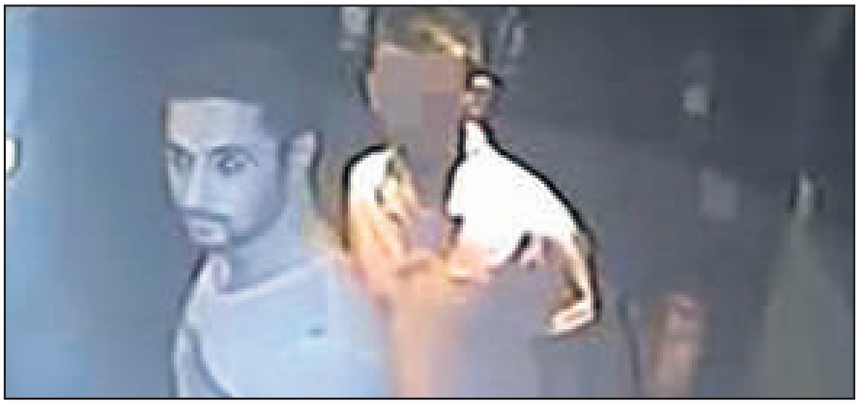

Police wish to speak to this person

Police appeal for information after man suffers serious injury

Man left with fractured skull outside nightclub

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A man's skull was fractured after an altercation outside an Epsom nightclub in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Surrey Police wish to speak to the man pictured in connection with the assault, which happened outside the Boogie Lounge, in Waterloo Road, at about 1.30am, as they believe he may be able to assist with enquires.

The injured man was taken to hospital that morning with severe facial injuries as well as the fracture.

Officers are eager to hear from anyone who may have filmed the incident.

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Animal loving vicar, Revd Rosemary Donovan said: "I walk my dogs on the common every day and regularly meet a variety of other creature's squirrels, foxes and deer, as well as other dog walkers and their companions. I am reminded that half my parishioners have feathers or fur. Our previous pets services have been very popular and we look forward to welcoming more this weekend."

You can expect a bit of extra noise compared to your regular service but to avoid any unnecessary trauma all dogs should be on leads and cats in baskets.

People may also bring photos of those they have loved but see no longer to give thanks for them.

All animals will receive a blessing.

Former agent speaks in defence of model at heart of Italian kidnap case

Model left 'humiliated' by alleged kidnapping ordeal

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A Cousldon model allegedly kidnapped in Italy was "humiliated" by her capture and did not make up the story for publicity, her former agent has said.

Phil Green told ITV's Good Morning Britain he was standing by Chloe Ayling, who Italian police said was snatched by a group calling itself Black Death in Milan last month.

Ms Ayling is believed to have been drugged and transported in a bag to an isolated village near Turin, where she was held for six days as her captors tried to auction her online.

The 20-year-old said she was injected with ketamine after being lured to a fake modelling shoot in Milan before being bundled into the boot of a car and told she was going to be sold as a sex slave.

Mr Green, of Supermodel Agency, said he felt responsible "in the sense that I didn't want to send her to the hands of a kidnapper", but that everything about the shoot "checked out."

Chloe Ayling outside her home

The model only began telling her story after the Italian police "gave out every detail", he said.

He told GMB: "Trust me, I wouldn't be sat here today, nor would Chloe be giving an interview, had it not been for the Italian police giving a press release.

"She was humiliated by the fact that she'd been kidnapped.

"She'd been through an ordeal, she wanted to forget it and come back home and start her normal modelling life."

Ms Ayling received £200,000 worth of offers of work when she returned to the UK, he said, and has since moved to a new modelling agency.

But, Mr Green added: "She didn't do this for publicity purposes by any means."

He warned other models to be careful over their social media use when posting details of jobs.

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with Tony Drakeford

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Slow-flying species such as herons and gulls are comparatively easy perhaps but fast-flying swifts, swallows, kingfishers and similar species are a different matter.

Therefore I was delighted to capture this image of a male swallow just having fed its second brood and turning to fly out and head back to the river along Kingston towpath. My technique was to stand some way from the nest focus the camera on it with finger poised on the shutter while a friend alerted me as soon as the parent bird flew in. I then had a split second to press the shutter and hope as the swallow arrived at the nest for a brief visit and its speed in flight is breath taking.

Swallows are indeed my favourite birds to study and this summer has proved to be a good one for them.

They may produce even three broods in a favourable year and will return to their old haunts year after year seemingly quite at ease with people thronging the towpath on a hot summer's day.

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Prices are set to increase by 3.6 per cent in the new year

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Rail fare price increase adds to commuter woe

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Rail fares are set to rise by about 3.6 per cent in January next year, affecting commuters using season tickets and some return fares.

The release of the latest Retail Prices Index (RPI) inflation figures on Tuesday affects just under half of rail fares in England, Scotland and Wales – because the government links "regulated" fares to this index.

The government has to approve the increase, and the figure acts as a maximum that rail companies can increase fares by.

The announcement comes on a day of rail chaos, with continued, planned works at Waterloo added to an earlier train derailment leading to long delays on South West Trains services. This resulted in the company advising passengers against travelling at all.

There was also disruption to Southern services on the same line.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said the Retail Price Index (RPI) measure of inflation, which is used to calculate train ticket prices, rose by 3.6 per cent in July, up from 3.5 per cent in June.

It came as Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation held steady at 2.6 per cent last month, the same rate as June. While the outcome was below economists' predictions of 2.7 per cent, CPI remained above the Bank of England's inflation target of 2 per cent.

James Tucker, ONS head of consumer price inflation, said: "Falling fuel prices offset by the costs of food, clothing and household goods left the headline rate of inflation unchanged in July."

However, he warned against using RPI, saying it was "not a good measure" and the ONS does not "recommend its use". Sterling, already under pressure amid political confusion over Brexit, dipped on the news.

The pound was trading 0.3 per cent lower against the dollar at 1.29 and 0.1 per cent lower verses the euro at 1.09 euros.

Households have seen their spending power come under sustained pressure from lacklustre wage growth and higher inflation, triggering an increase in credit and a decline in savings.

The ONS said the main downward impact on the cost of living came from a drop in fuel prices, which sank by 1.3 per cent between June and July after growing by 0.7 per cent over the period in 2016.

Petrol fell by 1.4p month on month to 113.9p per litre, while diesel slipped by 1.7p to 115.6p per litre. The decline was countered in part by food prices notching 0.1 per cent higher month on month in July after falling by 0.2 per cent over the period last year.

Meat and other items such as sauces became more expensive in July, the ONS said. Clothing and footwear prices were putting upward pressure on CPI after recording a smaller fall of 3 per cent between June and July, compared to a 3.4 per cent drop last year.

Utility bills were also pricier last month, with electricity, gas and other fuels lifting 0.8 per cent between June and July after coming in flat over the period in 2016. The jump was partly caused by energy giant EDF hiking electricity and gas prices towards the end of June.

The Consumer Price Index including owner-occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) also remained at 2.6 per cent in July, in line with the rate for June.

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Ormerod and Donnellan's ingenious adaptation of Dickens' celebrated novel brings to the stage an unforgettable cast of characters.

Ciaran McConville, Director said, "This is the first time since 2013 the Rose has put on a community play which features the Youth Theatre and Players from around the local area.

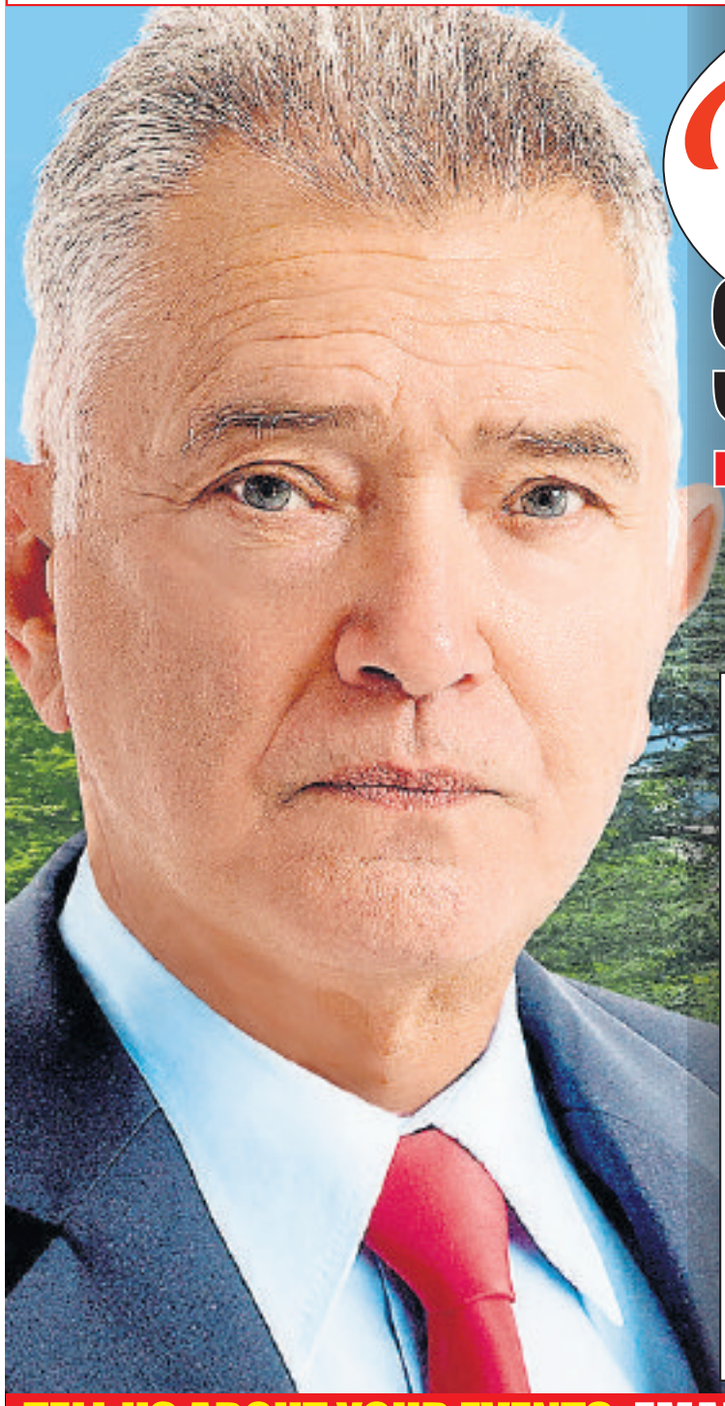
"It's going to be a rambunctious and entertaining production of this adaptation of Dickens' classic. It's a great way for the community, regardless of age, to get involved in a show which will take place on the Rose stage."

Ciara Morris, Rose Youth Theatre Director and cast member said, "I'm thrilled to be playing the role of Pip in Great Expectations.

"Having been involved with the Rose for the last seven years, and taking part in the Rose Theatre's first community play, it feels really special that I get to take on such an exciting project.

"I'm so looking forward to start work with the company, and although it's quite a challenge, it's a privilege to be telling this classic story."

Great Expectations will be at Rose Theatre Kingston from Fri 25 – Sat 26 Aug. Tickets rom £15 from rosetheatre-kingston.org.



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Martin Shaw leads the cast in the timely UK premiere of Gore Vidal's award-winning political thriller The Best Man which is all about ambition, political scandal, ruthlessness and the race for the white house.

Written before the battles of Trump vs Clinton and May vs Corbyn, Vidal's drama of dirty politics never seemed more real or relevant. At a time of political chaos, The Best Man mirrors the often surprising results of campaigning and the unscrupulous world of politics.

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One of the UK's most respected actors, Martin Shaw, rose to stardom in the late seventies in The Professionals, launching a career that has hardly seen him out of the limelight. He is best known for starring in the multi award winning BBC drama Judge John Deed and more recently Inspector George Gently. On stage, his revelatory performance as Lord Goring in Peter Hall's production of An Ideal Husband earned him a Tony nomination and the coveted New York Drama Critics' Circle Award.

Other West End triumphs include the acclaimed Twelve Angry Men, Are You Lonesome Tonight? and A Man For All Seasons. He returns to the stage in a role made famous by Henry Fonda in the award-winning film adaptation of The Best Man.

Born into a distinguished political family, Gore Vidal was a prolific writer known for the waspish wit, which peppered his essays, novels, screenplays and Broadway plays. Among his most famous works are Myra Breckinridge and Lincoln.

The Best Man premiered on Broadway in 1960 and was nominated for six Tony Awards, including 'Best Play'. Vidal adapted it into a film with the same title in 1964 starring Henry Fonda, Cliff Robertson, and Lee Tracy who was nominated for an Oscar for his portrayal of the crafty ex-President.

The play received a major revival on Broadway in 2012 starring James Earl Jones and Angela Lansbury, and earned two Tony award nominations including 'Best Revival of a Play'.

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AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL: TRUTH TO POWER (PG): A few minutes into Jon Shenk and Bonni Cohen's tub-thumping sequel to the Oscar-winning 2006 documentary An Inconvenient Truth, it becomes apparent that there is one renewable energy source the world has yet to harness: former United States vice president Al Gore's boundless determination to prick consciences about the effects of global warming.

The avuncular messiah of the modern age loudly bangs a drum for action and words on climate change, spreading his message during a turbulent period of political upheaval including the election of Donald Trump, who lambasted global warming as a "very expensive hoax".

Like its predecessor, the film incorporates segments from Gore's slide-show lectures.

Breathtaking images of the statesman atop a rapidly melting glacier in Greenland are intercut with snappy soundbites that anoint Gore as the lone voice of reason capable of deviating us from self-destruction.

THE NUT JOB 2: NUTTY BY NATURE (U): There are peanuts and pistachios aplenty in director Cal Brunker's computer-animated sequel but the biggest nuts are family audiences, who shell out for this plodding, derivative mess.

The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature is a joyless and clumsily constructed affair, which continues the misadventures of a selfish purple squirrel (voiced by Will Arnett), who learnt a valuable lesson about self-sacrifice in the first film after he carelessly destroyed one animal community's winter store.

Alas, the bushy-tailed rodent has relinquished any warmth or likeability by the opening frames of this pedestrian follow-up, which follows the squirrel and his four-legged army as they battle a greedy mayor (Bobby Moynihan) for control of the city park.

Physical humour falls flat and action set pieces, including a fur-raising ride on a rollercoaster, are loosely bolted together with gossamer thin strands of romance and reconciliation.

ANNABELLE: CREATION (15): Demonic possession is child's play in Annabelle: Creation, a 1950s-set prequel that enriches the mythology of the wooden doll, which wreaked havoc in the 2013 supernatural horror The Conjuring.

Directed by David F Sandberg, who sent beads of sweat cascading down our spines with his debut feature Lights Out, this spooky yarn has enough piercing jolts to sate horror fans who enjoy being scared out of their wits.

Doll maker Samuel Mullins (Anthony LaPaglia) and his wife Esther (Miranda Otto) are devastated by the death of their beloved seven-year-old daughter Bee (Samara Lee).

When a local orphanage is forced to close, Samuel and his wife offer temporary refuge to Sister Charlotte (Stephanie Sigman) and her young wards.

One girl unleashes a dark force, which uses Bee's favourite plaything as a conduit to transform the sanctuary of the Mullins' homestead into a scream-filled slaughterhouse.

A GHOST STORY (12A): Written and directed by David Lowery, A Ghost Story is a haunting drama about life and love after death that drapes Oscar winner Casey Affleck in a flowing white sheet as the titular spectre for the majority of the 92-minute running time.

Intentionally languid pacing will divide audiences, who are used to jump-out-of-seat scares from cinema's forays into the supernatural, especially one protracted scene of actress Rooney Mara tearfully devouring a pie to vomitous excess.

She plays M, who lives in a one-level house with her musician husband C (Affleck).

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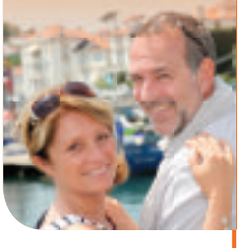

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ENERGY: Change is on the way for landlords

The government has confirmed that changes to EPC rules preventing landlords from renting out inefficient homes WILL be brought in next April, ***writes Sally Walmsley***.

In a high level meeting the department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) confirmed to the RLA there will be no movement on the implementation date – which is now just eight months away.

As of April 2018, all PRS homes must have a minimum Energy Performance Certificate rating of E or it will be illegal to rent them out.

The rule applies to new tenancies and renewals only, but will be extended to existing tenancies by 2020.

This means any homes rated F or G must be improved or taken off the rental market.

With this in mind the RLA is reminding members they need to tackle any issues within their property sooner rather than later or they may have to take it off the market, with real fears that tradesman will struggle to cope with demand for improvements as the deadline approaches.

The government today said it will be publishing specific guidance for landlords in October to clarify the new rules and their obligations.

Despite the deadline bring so close the government has yet to confirm a cap on the amount of money that landlords must spend on improvements, with an initial figure of £5,000 proposed.

However, it has now confirmed that listed buildings will be exempt, on condition that landlords have done as much as they are permitted to, to make them energy efficient. Landlords will need to register their properties online.

Around 330,000 PRS homes are rated F and G and will be affected by the changes – mainly Victorian and Edwardian homes. In total 18% of PRS homes were built before 1919 prior to the introduction of cavity wall, meaning they are hard to insulate.

David Smith, RLA policy director said: "The government has made it abundantly clear that there will be no movement on the April 2018 date so landlords MUST comply with the new legislation and the sooner they act the better."

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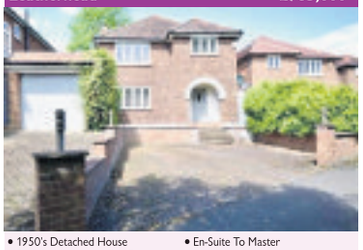

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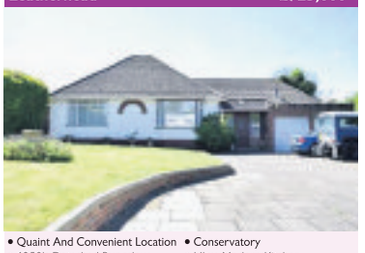

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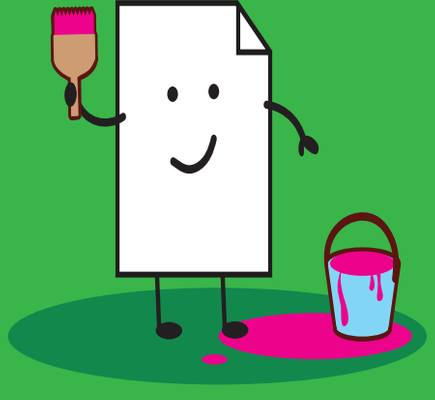
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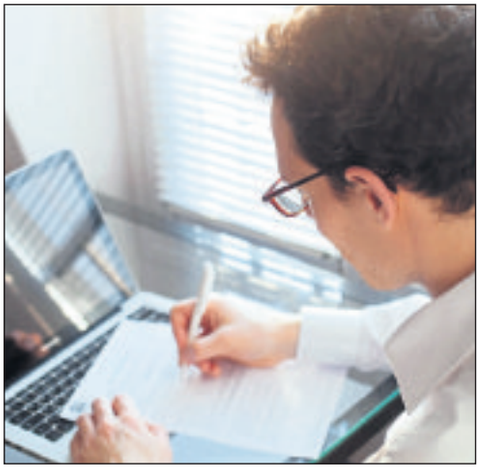

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ON THE ROAD: CITROEN C3 PICASSO

Rather than embarking on some epic trans-Sahara road trip, slogging from Lands End to John 'o' Groats or striking out across Eastern Europe to Budapest on the shores of the Danube, there's a lot to be said for testing a car in more everyday circumstances.

As well as being cheaper and less time-consuming to keep the editor onside, it should, in theory, expose the same issues that owners will encounter on their own daily routes.

That's unless they happen to commute across the Mongolian Steppe every morning or do their grocery shopping at that 24-hour Tescos on top of the Stelvio Pass. The story might not be as dramatic, and for that we apologise in advance, but a week of daily grind with the C3 Picasso has certainly proved enlightening.

Monday morning and we're off, stumbling bleary-eyed out of bed with the working week looming ahead like an iceberg in the fog. The C3 Picasso's first task is the 30-minute journey to work through the massed ranks of demoralized commuters. In traffic, the Picasso's all-round visibility is a major help.

It sits you quite upright which may not be to the liking of some but it certainly aids your view of the surroundings. The innovative glazed A-pillars are extremely handy when negotiating roundabouts or pulling out of angled junctions. They increase your field of vision and stop you having to rock your head backwards and forwards to see around bends as you do in cars with wide solid pillars.

In stop-start traffic, the Picasso's long throw gearbox isn't particularly rewarding to use but engine refinement improves as the diesel unit in our car gets up to operating temperature. The suspension deals admirably with the tough surfaces in our urban centres and it's hard to think of a vehicle of the Picasso's size that rides more smoothly.

A midweek shopping trip presents the Picasso with the kind of task for which it was created. In the car park, the short bonnet and virtually flat back end make parking a cinch. The Picasso's light steering and tight turning circle help it to slide effortlessly into even the tightest spaces. Having conducted the supermarket sweep, the shopping fitted relatively easy into the Picasso's boot but a word of warning.

The impressive dimensions of the boot that Citroen quotes don't tell the whole story because the space is quite tall and shallow. There isn't that much floor area and you may have to stack items or fold down the rear seats if you go too wild in the aisles.

"Our week with the C3 Picasso showed it in a very positive light."

Out on Friday with three passengers in tow and the Picasso's people carrying capacity comes under the microscope. This is a real strong suit for the little Citroen with abundant headroom for all occupants and legroom in the rear being almost as generous.

There aren't many cars of this size that could seat three six-foot adults in the rear but this one can - just about. There are lots of storage options in the cabin as well and it generally feels well thought out on Citroen's part.

A motorway journey on Saturday gave the Picasso a chance to stretch its legs and show that it was more than just an urban runabout. That comfortable ride was in evidence again and the engine proved more than willing to keep up with traffic, even if it took a bit of time to pick up speed when required. The controls are well laid-out and the dashboard follows the design themes of the car's exterior with the rounded-off rectangle shapes cropping up on the display screens and air vents.

The instrument display on top of the dash takes some getting used to as it's not the natural position but being higher up, it means you can glance at it quickly without taking your eyes off the road. Most of the C3's controls are straightforward but the stereo module that pops up on lots of Citroen products is behind the times. The buttons are tightly packed, too fiddly and the control interface isn't intuitive to use but you get the hang of it over time.

Our week with the C3 Picasso showed it in a very positive light. It's got a lot more style about it than the majority of small MPVs but that doesn't come at the expense of practicality. There's loads of space inside and although the boot's floor area is small, rear passenger space is excellent and there are lots of storage options. On the road, it's a comfortable experience with a well-judged ride and both manoeuvrability and visibility are top class.

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Banstead beaten on opening day

Banstead Athletic got off to a disappointing start to the season with a 3-2 home defeat to Abbey Rangers, **writes Bob Lockyer**.

Athletic broke the deadlock with their first goal on 40 minutes through a mix-up in the area, Medrado was on hand to back heel it home.

On 57 minutes a penalty was given for a foul, Sean Bradley scored to level the scores.

Tayler Maddock managed to get his head to a corner and sent the ball over the visiting keeper for Banstead to regain the lead. Bradley soon levelled again from the penalty spot.

Banstead's Billy Frost was shown a straight red card five minutes after coming on as substitute.

Bradley was a thorn in Banstead's side all afternoon. To cap it off he put the ball across five minutes from time for Ranger's sub Luke Robertson to score with an absolute corker from twenty five yards out that flew into the net.

Next up for Banstead Athletic is the Preliminary round of the FA Cup at home to Loxwood FC on Saturday, August 19, kick off 3pm.

Carshalton Athletic celebrate. Photo: Ian Gerrard

Robins get off to flying start

CARSHALTON Athletic, one of the favourites to challenge for the Bostik South title this season, got their campaign off to a flying start on Saturday, **writes James Barrett-Sterling**.

The Robins visited league newcomers Ashford United, whom were promoted as Southern Counties East champions, and won a tight affair via a single goal by Brendan Murphy-McVey on the stroke of half-time.

And the 22-year old was keen to point out two aspects of a satisfying afternoon's work in deepest Kent.

"We didn't have a great preseason in terms of results but we felt ready for Saturday in terms of our preparation and fitness," said the attacking midfielder.

"Most people know of our attacking qualities but we've worked a lot on our defensive side and overall structure, so it was great to keep a clean sheet as well as taking the three points."

Murphy-McVey displayed great composure in the 45th minute by controlling a cross-shot by Tommy Bradford before impudently flicking the ball over sprawling keeper George Kamurasi.

United received a golden chance to level things up from the penalty spot in the 67th minute, but Rory Hill smashed his spot-kick against the Robins' crossbar.

And the home side finished up with ten men after defender Pat Kingwell, who the referee deemed as 'the last man', hauled down Michael Campbell as the striker bore down on goal.

"They were a strong side but our little bit of quality told in the end," Murphy-McVey said.

"I've been told to get into the box more and I ended up on the end of Tommy's attempt. It was a bit of a five-a-side finish but it felt instinctive."

Carshalton's home league campain got off to decent start with a 1-1 draw against Hastings United in front of 302 fans.

Mickel Miller put the Robins ahead in the 60th minute only for Jack Harris to level seven minutes later.

SUTTON UNITED Young striker scores late winner as U's beat Macclesfield

United on Wright track

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TWO goals in the last five minutes saw Sutton United claim a dramatic victory over Macclesfield Town on Tuesday night in front of nearly 2,000 fans at the Knights Community Stadium.

The U's thoroughly deserved their victory after running the Cheshire side ragged for most of the match but they went a goal down after just two minutes when Scott Wilson fired in a long-range effort that flew past U's goalkeeper Jamie Butler.

United then went on to squander a hatful of chances. Ross Lafayette saw his point-blank range effort excellently saved by Billy O'Brien.

Louis John also went close to putting the U's level but the Macclesfield defence held firm under increasing pressure.

The U's cranked it up a notch in the second half with wave after wave of attacks.

Midfielder Kenny Davis had the ball in the net but was harshly adjudged to have been offside and then Nicky Bailey looked to have been in the penalty area when he was fouled but the referee gave a free-kick.

Just as it seemed it was going to be a frustrating evening, United's persistence finally paid off when a ball over the top found Moses Emmanuel who poked it home past O'Brien.

Then, just a minute later, the ball fell nicely for 20-year-old striker Tommy Wright who lashed it into the net from 10 yards for his first National League goal to spark jubilant scenes on the terraces.

The victory came hot on the heels of another fantastic result last Saturday when Sutton won 1-0 at title-favourites Tranmere Rovers in front of 5,000 fans.

Craig Dundas scored the winner in the 36th minute having been put through by Craig Eastmond's clever pass. It was the 36-year-old's 99th goal for the U's

Tuesday's win over Macclesfield puts Sutton second in the league table, a point behind Aldershot.

Talking to SUFCtv, U's boss Paul Doswell hailed his side after two fine results. He said: "That's a special team in that dressing room. They don't give up, they keep going and deserve all the plaudits.

"I'm really pleased for Moses. It was important to for him to get off the mark and we've got a real superstar coming up in Tommy Wright.

"It was a tremendous result and to get nearly 2,000 here on a Tuesday is fantastic."

Sutton United celebrate a goal by Craig Dundas at Tranmere Rovers on Saturday. Inset: Tommy Wright. Photos: Paul Loughlin

Rovers hit back after Camberley defeat

Goalkeeper Craig Bradshaw.

Sutton Common Rovers kicked off their league campaign with a disappointing 3-1 defeat at home to one of the pre-season title favourites Camberley Town, their third straight opening day loss.

Darren Salmon made several changes from the side that had beaten Canterbury City in the FA Cup, including giving a debut to left back Matt Tanton.

SCR started brightly, with Andrew White being denied by Camberley keeper Kallum Lunn and Marlon Rodney firing an effort over the bar, and taking away one excellent save by SCR skipper Craig Bradshaw, from an Adam Liddle drive, it was a relatively comfortable half for SCR, with no indication of what was to come.

Camberley took the lead five minutes into the second half, when neat interplay on the edge of the SCR area, between Adam Liddle and Josh Wood saw Wood beat Bradshaw with a low shot to put the visitors ahead.

SCR tried to respond but all to often passes went astray or were not collected by the receiver, and Camberley struck again on 60 minutes. A corner into the box saw pushing and shoving, as you see at every corner, with White being pulled up for hauling down Liddall, Marcus Cousins despatched the spot kick high to Bradshaw's right for 2-0.

The visitors made it 3-0 with just over five minutes remaining when a mistake at the back allowed Wood the simple task of rolling into an empty net.

For the SCR faithful there was a consolation goal, with substitute Liam Holden firing home a fine goal from distance in stoppage time.

SCR bagged three points from their second league match of the season with a fin 2-0 win at Knaphill. They host Eastbourne Town in the FA Cup at Sutton United FC on Saturday. Kick-off 3pm.

Double defeat for Salts

Last Saturday Epsom slipped to a 4-2 defeat at CB Hounslow, with a goal each for debutant Joe Loftus-Cheek, and the returning goal machine and hero Kyle Hough, **writes George Holland**.

However, it got even worse on Tuesday night when the visitors rubbed Salts into the wounds as they became a casualty to an early evening raid by hat-trick man Mealing as Chertsey Town ran out 7-2 winners.

It took Mealing less than 2 minutes to open his account, beating the offside trap for 1-0. However, Loftus-Cheek equalised for the Salts in the 5th minute to restore parity briefly.

Epsom's defence was caught square allowing Mealing to give the visitors the lead again in the 8th minute. He then helped himself to an early hat trick within 11 minutes, making it 3-1 to the rapant visitors. Only 15 minutes had gone before the Salts were further embarrassed, letting in another goal for a 4-1 scoreline.

Harris was then beaten by a long shot that went in off the far post to increase it to 5-1 on 23 minutes. By now you could tell it wss not to be the Salts' night. Ben Dyson then fouled his manin the penalty box, and up stepped Veteran John Pomeroy to convert the spot kick at 6-1.

With the half time break score of 1-6, the Salts Twitter Feed said that it was time to start consulting the record books. And to quote their gallows humour, they had kept a clean sheet for 14 minutes up to the break.

Eleven minutes into the 2nd half poor marking by the Epsom defence saw Harris beaten by a neat volley to increase the arrears to 1-7. The Salts scored a 2nd goal to round off the night's talley with 14 minutes left on the clock. Loftus-Cheek was fouled in the area, and Hendry slotted home the penalty to complete the night's scoring at 2-7.

With a much needed improvement in the 2nd half from Epsom, time was up, and the Curfews stole away into the night with all 3 points. This was an evening when it rained goals in Non League Football.

As Epsom are out of the FA Cup, they have no definite fixture this weekend having lost to Banstead in the previous round. They travel to Colliers Wood on Friday 25 August for a CCL Fixture. And visit old rivals and one time Landlords Banstead for another CCL match on Bank Holiday Monday 28 August, Kick off at 11.30am.

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